



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Child safety classroom simulator
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Training

Current training in child safety:

Face to face 2 hours every 3 years – Child protection policy and procedures and mandatory reporting.

Schools individually chose Protective Behaviours type program to implement in the school

Cybersafety seminars.



Child Safety – what are the issues?

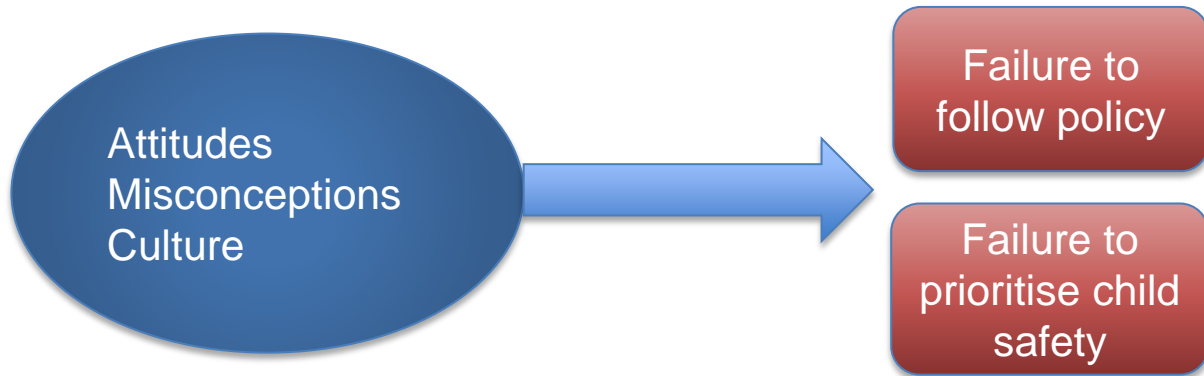
Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse: Testimony from Case Study 6, February, Brisbane

The Principal of a Catholic primary school had previously been told by staff members that a teacher had given lollies to girls, placed a chocolate bar on a girl's desk, had girls on his knee and had girls hanging off him in the playground.

When questioned by the Principal the teacher conceded that some girls had sat on his lap, he spoke to students in the playground, he gave students lollies, he gave a year 7 girl a chocolate bar and to having hugged a girl. He said he did not recall having done the other matters of which he was accused.



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A Teacher, a Lawyer and a Psychologist
walk into a bar...



The simulator is born

- Do away with the regular powerpoint training
- Engage staff in conversations for attitudinal change
- Provide the foundation for further training and higher quality decision making

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One quintessential problem



Where to next?



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Enjoy the long weekend!